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New York District

Westchester Creek, NY

Maintenance Dredging

FACT SHEET

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DESCRIPTION: Preliminary engineering and design including sampling and testing for future upland placement of material from Westchester Creek is being coordinated to allow safe passage of fuel barges and small tank vessels.

AUTHORIZATION: The existing project was adopted in 1922 and modified in 1954. Approved Rivers and Harbors Act, 3 September 1954.

It provides for a Channel, 12 feet deep, 100 ft. wide, for a distance of 2,000 ft. at the entrance, thence 80 ft. wide for a distance of 3,000 ft. and thence 60 ft. wide for a distance of 8,800 ft. to the head of navigation at East Tremont Avenue (Fort Schuyler Road), with widening at bends. Length – about 2.6 miles.

Three turning basins, 12 ft. deep, one near the head of navigation, one located about 500 ft. downstream, and one near Eastern Boulevard (Unionport) Bridge.

The 12 ft. channel was completed in 1933. The work remaining to be done consists of dredging the 12 ft. turning basin 500 ft. downstream from the head of the project. The uncompleted work is considered inactive.

COMMERCE: The creek is included in the Port of New York and supports marine transport of distillate fuel oil to several docks on the waterway. The 2004 Waterborne commerce statistics indicate 163,000 tons of fuel oil was delivered by 135 vessels trips

STATUS: The project was last dredged in 1991 with the removal of approx. 105,684 cubic yards of sediment. Local cooperation is required for future maintenance dredging. The local interests shall furnish all lands, easements, rights-of-way and spoil disposal areas for the construction and maintenance of the channel. Material is unsuitable for ocean placement at the HARS.

Periodic surveys of the federal channel are performed and posted on our web page for public use. Preliminary engineering and design will be performed to prepare for possible maintenance dredging, contingent on available project funding. A disposal location shall be coordinated with local sponsors.

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